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Piano Professor to Judge for International Competition

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University professor of music John Mortensen, D.M.A., will serve as a judge for the World Piano Teachers Association (WPTA) International Piano Competition (IPC) in 2016. The competition will take place from June 27 - July 3 in Novi Sad, Serbia.

"It's a great honor to serve as a judge for the World Piano Teachers' Association International Piano Competition," said Mortensen. "Events like this bring together the astonishing talents of young artists worldwide."

The International Piano Competition is organized by the WPTA and the World Piano Conference (WPC), along with the Alink-Argerich Foundation. The WPTA IPC is open to pianists of all nationalities without an age limit.

Mortensen is primarily a performer and teacher of classical and jazz piano, however he also performs and teaches Irish and American roots music, playing mandolin, Irish flute, Irish button accordion, Uilleann pipes, and Irish whistle. He created America's only college-level traditional Irish music session class.

In September 2015 Mortensen was selected for the Fulbright Specialist Roster by the US Department of State. Over the next five years the Fulbright Specialist program will sponsor him to perform and teach at universities internationally.

Mortensen holds a national certification in piano through the Music Teacher's National Association and is endorsed as an Ohio Artist on Tour through the Ohio Arts Council. He was recently named an Excellence in Education honoree by Ohio Magazine.

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